

MANIAC'S DEED.

The Terrible Discovery Made By

A Small Boy.

J. Van Meter, an Ohio Maniac, Kills

His Wife and Child.

Their Heads Crushed and Bodies Mutilated

in a Horrible Manner. The Murderer

Missing, and the Finding of His

Dead Body Is Expected.

WAYNE, O., Sept. 17.—A shocking

tragedy, presumably the work of a

maniac, occurred near Idaho, in the

western part of this country, Saturday

night. In this locality lived John J. Van

Meter, a man about 35 years of age,

with his wife and two children, the old-

est boy about 9 years, and the young-

est a baby in his mother's arms.

For some time Van Meter has shown

evidences of mental derangement, but

nothing serious was apprehended by his

family or neighbors. Thursday night

the family retired as usual, but when

the oldest boy awoke early in the morn-

ing he was dumfounded to find himself

alone in the house, his parents and baby

sister having disappeared during the

night.

After waiting a while for them to re-

turn the boy started to go to his grand-

fathers, about a mile distant. When

he reached the house he found the

house he was horrified to find his mother

and little sister lying dead in the

parlor, their heads crushed and bodies

terribly mutilated. He was unable to

tell the neighbors what had happened.

The terrified boy soon alarmed the

neighbors, who at once instituted a

search for the missing maniac. The

maniac was not seen until Friday morn-

ing. It is thought that after murder-

ing his wife and child Van Meter sought

some of the way place and took his

own life. He may be some time before

his body is found, if such is the case.

WAR PROBABLE.

Two Hostile Forces of the Choctaw Nation

Which May Renew the Conflict at Any

Moment.

DARK and OMACALLISTER, I. T., Sept. 17.—

Dark and Omacallister are rising over

the entire Choctaw nation. Intense ex-

citement prevails everywhere. The

Choctaw people are divided into two

main parties, the one led by Chief

Horse, and the other by Chief

Horse. The two parties are

now in a state of open warfare. The

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